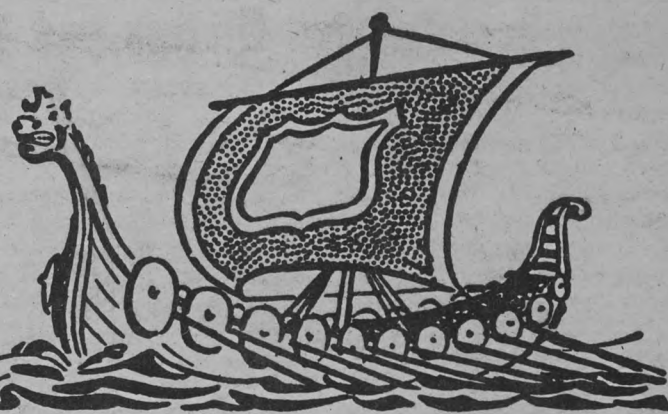
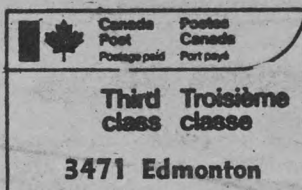


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Finnish Society's 20th Anniversary

Sell-Out Expected for Scandapades '74

Edgar Bergen, one of America's most famous and versatile performers, will thrill 2,727 people at the Jubilee Auditorium on Feb. 9, 1974.



Mortimer Snerd tries to catch on to a card trick by Edgar Bergen.

He is the most famous ventriloquist in history. His parents came to America from Sweden in their teens and operated a dairy business near Chicago where

Edgar was born. His interest in the theatre began at the early age of 13, when he started writing jokes and sketching pictures of what his first dummy

would look like, instead of studying history.

He financed his university education by staging small Vaudeville theatres on Saturdays and Sundays.

In 1927 he played the "China Theatre" in Stockholm, Sweden, playing the entire act in Swedish.

In 1932 and 1934 Bergen made a North Cape cruise on the Swedish America Line as an entertainer.

On one of his trips to Sweden he filmed a travelogue with Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd which was released by Warner Brothers.

Edgar Bergen's awards include the Royal Order of Vasa, conferred by King Gustav V of Sweden.

Mr. Bergen is married, has one daughter, Candice, age 27, and a son, Kris, age 12.

The Scandapades Committee predict an early sell-out, as ticket orders come in daily from all parts of the Western Provinces. Scandapades fans are urged to get their tickets NOW. The Scandapades Box Office is located on the ground floor of the Centennial Building, 103 Ave. and 100 St., Edmonton, Alberta. Phone 422-2748. For convenience, use the order form in the Scandapades '74 advertisement in this paper. If your choice of seat is taken, the Box Office will take the privilege of choosing for you the next best seat. □

Celebration at Scandinavian Centre

by Arvi Liimatainen

The Finnish Society celebrated its 20th Anniversary with a dinner and dance at the Scandinavian Centre on Oct. 13. I'm sure everyone would agree that a good time was had by all. The successful party was the product of many society members.

Albert Karvonen was an entertaining master of ceremonies, providing those present with a good sampling of Finnish humour. Mrs. Ristola, Mrs. Sahuri, Mrs. Tekoniemi and Mrs. Hagman sang several Finnish songs. Ulla Vesalainen played a medley of Finnish folk songs on the piano and also provided the musical accompaniment for the rest of the program. The Honorary President, John Rama, gave an impromptu talk about the society and the Scandinavian Centre and this year's President, Anne Sahuri, gave a speech about the society and its contributions. The President of the Scandinavian Centre Association, Soren Sorenson, offered his congratulations and the

first President of the Finnish Society, Aino Lilnala, provided his remarks by way of a telegram. A chronology of the Finnish Society from its inception to the present was prepared and read by Mr. V. Rastas. Scrolls were presented to Tynne Liimatainen, Anne Sahuri, Omni Virtanen and John Sahuri in recognition of the special efforts they have provided to the Finnish Society of Edmonton. A number of people from outside of Edmonton were present at the party. They included Mr. and Mrs. Koivuneva, Mr. and Mrs. Hahmo, and Mr. and Mrs. Majamaa all from Calgary. Mrs. Ranta and Mrs. Beltola came from Vancouver and Mr. and Mrs. Cummings were from Dawson Creek.

ALBERTA CULTURAL HERITAGE COUNCIL

Laurence G. Decore of Edmonton, became chairman of a temporary executive committee of Alberta's Cultural Heritage Council which held its founding meeting in Edmonton, Oct. 19 to 21.

Dr. Clive Cardinal, Calgary, was selected as deputy-chairman; T. Van Eeken, Edmonton, second deputy-chairman; Dr. Joseph Kandler, Edmonton, secretary and Dr. P. Monod, Edmonton, treasurer.

Directors selected were as follows: Mrs. Annie Louis, Calgary, and Messrs. Peter Czartoryski, R. M. Allan, Dahra Hargaalga and Dr. H. J. Shimizu, all of Edmonton.

The executive and directors were given the responsibility of directing the Council's activities until final ratification of a constitution at a meeting of the council

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as a whole in February, 1974.

Culture, Youth and Recreation Minister Horst A. Schmid told delegates to the three-day meeting, representing more than 40 ethnic cultural groups in Alberta, that the Council they were in the process of forming "will be an active and enduring force in the development of the cultural life of Alberta".

As an initial framework of the council, eight committees were struck: culture, education, grants, youth, human rights, language, immigrant services and media. Each committee met to elect a chairman and plan its work in preparation for reporting its recommendations to a meeting of the Cultural Heritage Council as a whole in February, 1974.

Delegates from across the province had ample opportunity to get to know one another at an opening banquet followed by a colorful and varied program of ethnic songs and dances.

Premier Peter Lougheed and Mrs. Lougheed hosted delegates in ethnic dress at a gala reception at Government House.

Scandinavian Centre Christmas Flight

DECEMBER 12 TO JANUARY 7.

Your Family in the Scandinavian countries are calling you to COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS. Why not take the trip? The traditions you'll be a part of this year are the same as they were 100 years ago. Here, Christmas is unhurried, and filled with the warmth of the season as children seem to recall it best. There is no such thing as too much trouble when it comes to filling the month-long celebrations with love and laughter and friendship.

In Denmark, Christmas is a storyland holiday—and a real one, too. Christmastime in Denmark is Hans Christian Andersen's "The

Fir Tree" come to life. In every home the centre of attraction is the Christmas Tree, with apples, oranges and walnuts hanging from the ornamented branches, while carols and hymns are softly sung by children and adults alike clasping hands around the tree.

Christmas in Finland is such a good time, the Finns stretch it out as long as they can. They begin their Christmas parties on the first Saturday in December and to make it official, they call it a "little Christmas" celebration. The first one of the year is so good, the "little Christmases" go on for a whole month.

Norwegians cherish the

Christmas Season with Julenek, Julebord and Julebukk. From Medieval days, the Fete of St. Lucia has welcomed the Christmas season in Sweden. Dec. 13 has always been St. Lucia day in Sweden, when Christmas really starts. That morning the eldest daughter of the family brings trays of warm saffron yeast buns and piping hot coffee to her parents bedside, dressed in a long white dress and wearing a crown of lingonberry greens alit with candles.

For reservations and information write, phone or, even better, go and talk to Vera Nielsen, 12424 - 141 St., Edmonton. Make

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Anne Sahuri
DIRECTOR REPLACEMENT

The board wishes to announce and welcome our new member on the board, Stan Hafso, 11739 - 38A Ave., phone No. 435-8964. Mr. Hafso is replacing Bill Halldorson who resigned earlier.

SCANDAPADES '74

Many thanks to the Norwegian ladies who hosted the coffee party on Oct. 14. As you know, these coffee parties are not just coffee parties, but also preparations for Scandapades '74, by the way of auditions and entertainment by YOU—the Scandinavians. So if you are talented in any way, please come out during the Sunday afternoons to the Centre and let us hear and see the glimpses of what will be a BIG SHOW—SCANDAPADES '74. Tickets are on sale now. Reserve early! If you wish to help at Scandapades in any way, please call Selma or Sig Sorenson at 466-1839.

SCANDINAVIAN THEME FOR CAMROSE

The Camrose Rotary Club has asked for participation in their International night with Scandinavian Theme on Dec. 8. If you are interested please call Norman Rolf at 672-5561, Box 1630, Camrose, Alberta.



Scandinavian delegates at the Alberta Heritage Council. (l. to r.) John Cumberbatch—Swedish; Per Nielsen—Danish; Margaret Cameron—Icelandic; Hon. Horst Schmid—Minister Culture, Youth and Recreation; Astrid Hope—Norwegian; and Arvi Liimatainen—Finnish.

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Paavo Nurmi Honored by Scandinavian Centre News

There was very little response to our request for Scandinavians to honor one of their people and receive an 8" x 10" color photograph especially photographed by David Birley of Signature Studios Ltd., Edmonton, as well as a diploma presented by The Scandinavian Centre News and their picture along with a story about their achievements printed in the paper.

The purpose of this is to honor some Scandinavian who has done something worthwhile, outstanding or courageous in or for their community; and also it is an effort by The Scandinavian Centre News to gather information about the people, their background, history, culture and heritage.

Anyone reading this may nominate someone who they think should receive this honor simply by sending that persons name and a short historical background to the Editor of The Scandinavian Centre News, 216 - 11802 - 124 St., Edmonton.

Be the first in your group to honor someone in your community.

One such name was presented by Mrs. Airi Langeste of the Edmonton Finnish Society. The person is Paavo Nurmi, famous Finnish runner who won most of the long-distance races in the Olympics of the 1920's and at one time held 24 world records.

Although we cannot send The Scandinavian Centre News Honor Award to Paavo Nurmi himself, we would be very happy to send one to any relative whom we might be notified about. In any case a diploma will be sent to Mrs. Langeste for suggesting his name.

Also we do not have a picture of Paavo Nurmi but we do have a reproduction from a magazine of a statue of him looking towards the Olympic Stadium in Helsinki where the 1952 Games were held. Before his death recently Mr. Nurmi was a businessman in Helsinki.



Looking towards the Olympic Stadium in Helsinki where the 1952 Games were held is this sculptured figure of Paavo Nurmi, Finland's most famous runner. Today a businessman, Nurmi won most of the medium long-distance races in the Olympics of the 1920's and at one time held 24 world records.

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Death of a Hero

Paavo Nurmi, "The Flying Finn", died in Helsinki on Oct. 2 after a lengthy illness. The legendary runner was born June 13, 1897, and was 76 years old at the time of his death.

According to the Suomi Society news, Paavo Nurmi won 9 gold medals, 3 silver medals and 25 world records during the years 1920-1932.

He won his first race, the 3000 metres, when he was 17 years old, in 1914. This was only the beginning for he kept on going strong, winning and making a name for himself in the sports world.

While his reputation as a long distance runner spread, so did the name of Finland. It has been said that Paavo Nurmi ran Finland on to the world's map, right after the country's independence.

Three big names have made Finland well known during those early years and they are Jean Sibelius, C. G. Mannerheim and Paavo Nurmi who has now left us.

Paavo Nurmi was 54 years old and retired from sports when, at the official opening of the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki, he ran around the quarter mile track proudly holding the Olympic Torch in his upraised right hand.

When he emerged from the Stadium tunnel, clad in his old track uniform (which was slightly old fashioned, being the same one he wore when he scored his Olympic triumphs in 1920, 1924 and 1928) the crowds started shouting his name, Paavo, Paavo.

Everybody, especially the Finns, got quite emotional at the sight of him gliding smoothly along the track, his head erect, as always, and the crowd gave him a very tumultuous welcome.

At the bottom of the flight of steps, leading to the Olympic flame he handed the torch to Hannes Kolehmainen who ran, still very easily up the high flight of steps and ignited the Olympic flame.

Hannes Kolehmainen who was older than Paavo was the winner of the Olympic Marathon in 1920.

Paavo Nurmi led a full life but he was also hard on himself and stubborn when it came to training and achieving his goals, but he did what he liked to do and did it well. He was the only man known to hold a stop watch in his hand while training.

He had many successes and also some disappointments, but in the hearts of the Finns he is remembered as a hero. Being, a very quiet man, he did not want any fuss made about him but even so, a statue of him adorns the entrance to the Olympic Stadium in Helsinki.

In his later years he was strictly a business man and was successful at that, too. He has given financial support to the research of heart ailments and in 1968 a Foundation was opened under his name to which he donated a large sum of money, and two buildings in Helsinki.

The main goal of this Foundation is to help in research of the heart and respiratory diseases, also to give stipendiums to deserving applicants in research.

One year ago the Paavo Nurmi Foundation presented an "Intensive Care Unit Ambulance" to the City of Helsinki.

Paavo Nurmi was given a state funeral and he leaves to mourn his loss, one son.

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By Evelyn Jensen

COMING EVENTS
Saturday, November 17th
The Annual Lutfisk Supper will be held in the Masonic Temple, 10318 - 100 Ave., dinner, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Program, 8 - 9 p.m. Dancing, 9 - 12 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 each, children 14 years and under, \$3.00. Limited number of tickets available, so please reserve early by phoning Gladys Clark at 455-5371; Ole Vold, 476-5922 or any member of the Board.

All those who were unable to attend the Lief Erickson Dance and Supper at the Scandinavian Centre on Sat., Oct. 13 missed a very fine evening. After dancing to the music of Ron Lakusta and The Hi-Lites, over 200 guests enjoyed a delicious smorgasbord supper of meatballs, fish cakes, scalloped potatoes, salads, herrings, etc., provided by Ragna Sivertsen, Hilma Bukvi, Ann Vold, and Eileen Swanson. Our very special thanks to these ladies. The winner of the Door Prize was Douglas Oakley, who received a lovely set of pitcher and glasses. The Spot Dance winners were given complimentary tickets to the Lutfisk Supper. Sons of Norway Queen Darlene Melsness entertained with songs accompanied at the piano by her father.

Janet Burt is going to be looking after the Norwegian Language Instruction Program. Anyone interested in taking lessons should call her at 447-3727 for further details.

Adult Norwegian Folk Dancing will be starting shortly. Any couples who are interested in joining please contact Warren Clark at 455-5371. If there are enough Junior and Intermediate Folk Dancers, classes will also be started for those groups. All members are strongly urged to come out and join in.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Whitehead recently. Proud grand parents are George and Ivy Whitehead. Congratulations and Best Wishes to all.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Lucas Ehly and family, on the loss of a beloved wife and mother.

Maisi and Kalmar Amdam have had Maisie's sister, Mrs. Bill Trent of Calgary staying with them, and are also looking forward to a visit from their niece Mrs. W. Stoushnow and her two children.

Sig and Selma Sorenson spent three weeks in Norway recently, visiting in Christiansand with Sig's cousin and her husband and two boys. The hi-light of their trip was the flight from Montreal to Amsterdam by K.L.M. Jumbo Jet and the return trip from London to Toronto by Air Canada Jumbo Jet. The size of these huge aircrafts is difficult to comprehend. Sig and Selma were blessed with good weather during most of their stay, but their visit was marred by the tragic death of the youngest of Sig's two nephews in a motorcycle accident ten days before they were due to return to Canada.

The Ice Rink which Inge and

Anders Anderson are constructing is well under way. All the walls are up, the roof trusses are on, the roof deck is on, and the rink boards are 90% completed. The boys hope to have it in operation by Nov. 15. The rink is unique in that it has two sheets of ice under one roof, and will also have licenced dining facilities.

Helge Nilsen had such great success on his goose hunting expedition at Thanksgiving that he is off again to try his luck in the Hanna area.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Shang Halberg who is in the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Liev and Marion Aasgard were guests at the wedding of Knut and Betty Jordet's daughter, Marilyn. The Jordets are former members of Solglyt Lodge who now reside in Calgary. Also present at the wedding were Knut's sister and her husband from Roros, Norway.

Emeth and Gladys Clark, along with Gladys' sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gieg, flew to Regina at Thanksgiving for a family reunion with Gladys' two brothers and her mother who is in a nursing home.

Visiting recently with the Norman Nilsens were Norman's two brothers, Alf and Peter, from Bergen, Norway.

The Torske Klubben held their dinner meeting Tues., Oct. 2. Guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Ken Domire of the Agricultural Engineering Faculty, U. of A., who gave a slide talk on the agricultural machinery and methods used in India. The next luncheon meeting will be held Tues., Nov. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Knut Svidal held an Open House on the evening of Sat., Sept. 22 to enable Sons of Norway Executive Officer, Alfred, and Mrs. Fritsvold to meet friends and Lodge members. Among those present were Sons of Norway Field Officer Sig and Mrs. Bekken from Prince George, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ness of Calgary. The Svidals attended a reception in Calgary for Mr. and Mrs. Fritsvold on the previous Thursday.

Solglyt Lodge officers, along with their wives and husbands, attended a breakfast at the Scandinavian Centre on Sun., Sept. 23 in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Fritsvold, and Mr. and Mrs. Bekken. The visitors were in Alberta to attend a meeting in Camrose, dealing with the International Convention which is to be held in Banff next year. While in Camrose, they were present at the unveiling of a "Point of Interest" sign dedicated to Norwegian Pioneers in that area.

Ingrid Sveen has graduated from Armed Forces Base "Cornwallis" in Nova Scotia, and has been posted to Camp Borden on an army driving course, after which she will spend three-and-a-half months at Kingston. Her mom and dad are hoping that she will be able to get leave and be home for Christmas.

Kevin Svidal has just been awarded his second silver medal from the Royal Toronto Conservatory for obtaining the highest mark in the province, in the grade six violin examination.

Alberta Cultural Heritage Council

By Astrid Hope
SON Delegate

The Norwegians were among delegates representing fifty cultural groups and organizations who founded the Alberta Cultural Heritage Council Oct. 19-21 at the Chateau Lacombe, Edmonton. It resulted from one of the major recommendations of a Cultural Heritage Conference held in June of last year.

Sister Astrid Hope represented the Norwegians at the Council. The council functioned with an ad hoc committee until ratification of a constitution in February when the Council meets again.

The Council will act as a vehicle whereby ethnic and cultural groups can present their views to the Government on its programs and expectations, which will strengthen the preservation of the good things of our past culture and the enrichment of Alberta's culture for the future.

The Council established a Constitutional Committee for the framework of rules for its operation. There were members solicited to study specialized problems as in: culture, education, grants, youth, human rights, language, immigrant services, media and other committees. They will also meet during the next three months to bring suggestions for the next meeting in February. The time and place will be announced later.

The Council opened by attending a banquet Friday evening, Oct. 19 followed by a program of different ethnic songs and dances.

For the second evening, all delegates in ethnic costume of their respective country were invited to a reception at Old Government House, and were welcomed by Premier Peter Lougheed, Hon. Horst Schmid, Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation and others. It was very colorful and interesting to see how 50 ethnic groups could

The Sons of Norway Sewing and Cooking Club participated in the United Nations Association International Night in the lower floor of the Jubilee Auditorium, Sat., Oct. 27. They made Norwegian fish cakes with sauce for their part of the smorgasbord. Sister Darlene Melsness and Sister Irene Hovde sang for the stage performance with Brother Del Melsness accompanying on the piano.

Those present at the Coffee Party held at the Scandinavian Centre on Sun., Oct. 14 had the added pleasure of congratulating and singing "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Annie Herstad, who was 89 years young on Oct. 15.

DATES TO REMEMBER
Tuesday, November 13th
Sewing Circle at Sister Betty Anderson, 16144 - 90 Ave. at 2 p.m.
Tuesday, November 27th
Sewing Circle at Sister Orla Tychen, 16105 - 88A Ave. at 2 p.m.
Saturday, December 8th
Election of Officers and Christmas Bingo, Nordic Room, Scandinavian Centre.
Sunday, December 16th
Christmas Party, Nordic Room, Scandinavian Centre.
Monday, December 31st
New Year's Eve Frolic.

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work together and enjoy themselves with a great brotherhood under one roof. The daytime was filled with plenary and business sessions, some with guest speakers.

There were some resolutions passed:

(1) Government be requested to keep its influence in carrying Ethnic programs now existing, and to encourage more ethnic groups to do the same.

(2) Establish a yearly holiday—"Heritage Day" (date to be determined later).

(3) Establishment of an annual folk dance festival and competitions leading to establishment of a truly Alberta Dance with a talk by Dr. M. T. Richards. One Albertan will donate an area in Red Deer Valley for such purposes.

Other resolutions were made also.

Request for ethnic artifacts for a travelling exhibition was made by Provincial Museum and Archives.

Hon. Horst Schmid emphasized time and time again, every ethnic voice will be heard, despite color or creed, if they would speak up, and every consideration will be given to their cultural heritage.

OLAF SVEEN VISITS WEST COAST

Olaf Sveen returned from a 3-week record promoting tour to the west coast recently. He said it was a very successful trip and he met a lot of nice people. He was on Gunnar Warolin's Norwegian program on radio station CJVB Vancouver, and was interviewed by the editor of the Swedish Press.

Olaf and his friend, Lew Rogne, drove to Seattle, Wash., where they had an interview with Henning Boe, editor of the Western Viking, and also a taped interview with Ron Olsen, radio station KXA Seattle, in connection with his forthcoming record releases in the USA. Ron Olsen's mother came from Romsdalen, Norway, and his father from Kyrkseterora, both places fairly close to Surnadalen where Olaf came from.

"All in all it was a very interesting trip," he said, "and my wife, Eva, and myself really enjoyed the fresh salmon we had in Surrey, and it was in fact the first time I had eaten that good fish in at least twenty-four years. But even so, we are glad to be back in Edmonton again."

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ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Les Greenham

For this issue we will start off with a question. How many of you readers look forward to winter? Now if all our winters were like last winter, it is reasonable to assume most of us wouldn't complain and another plus, you don't have to mow your lawn once a week. Of course, whatever your preference, we can't do anything about it. Before we leave this subject, there is another plus in that the *Saga Singers* are back to their weekly practices and everyone is most enthusiastic. Our next objective is hopefully a recording session in the studios of CFCW in Camrose on Nov. 18.

This has been a great summer for the holidaying people and for weddings. As you know there have been three wonderful weddings this year that we know of within our Society and there is no doubt everyone wishes each couple a long happy wonderful life together. From one of these couples we have a message. Solli and Shirley Sigurdson have returned from their honeymoon and holiday at Hnausa, Man. They wish to extend heartfelt thanks to their friends in the Icelandic Society who so kindly participated in a party and a gift on June 20 at Vanier House. Their new home will be at 11403 - 42 Ave. Maybe one of these days, Solli and Shirley, we will pay you a surprise visit.

More about holidays—people are still on the move. We were at the Sons of Norway Leif Erickson Dance on Oct. 13 and met two wonderful couples from good old Manitoba. The first couple we met was Shirley Thorvaldson's mother and dad, Herb and Laura Edgar from Lyleton, Man. They enjoyed a leisurely holiday approximately a week here and another week somewhere else. As a matter of fact, they have planned their next stop (now let me see) I believe they said it was to be Oregon. Anyway, it was a visit to relatives in the States. Then about ten minutes later, Lorne and Lillian MacPherson came in and proudly marched Lillian's mother and dad over to our table, Hafsteinn and Lillian Bjarnason, who are originally from the good old interlake district of Manitoba. It was my pleasure to know Lillian Bjarnason's sister, let's say, away back when. The end result of the evening was most enjoyable. These Manitobans still know how to shoot

the breeze. Incidentally the Bjarnasons are also taking their time visiting here and there. They had just arrived here the day before from visiting at the coast, now don't ask me precisely where. That has slipped my mind also.

Talking about being precise, we can say precisely that our closest friend and neighbor, Clara Jonsson, had the pleasure of a visit from her mother, Mrs. Watson, who hails from Eriksdale, Man. After spending three weeks here she returned home. Also in the past four or five weeks Clara and Steini were visited by two of her brothers and their wives. Ben and Joyce Watson visited for a few days on their way home after having spent some time in Banff and Jasper. Then Edmund and Judy Watson spent a few days here with them on their way to visit relatives in Wetaskiwin and Canmore. Also Percy and Irene Roberts from Winnipeg visited briefly on their way back from Banff. Steini and Clara themselves did a little visiting on Thanksgiving Day when they went for dinner at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Ingibjorgson at Bawlf, Alta.

The long weekend in October also brought pleasure to the Greenhams since our daughter, Karen, and her husband, Ken, came all the way from Flin Flon, Man., to visit with us and Ken's parents. It probably is not necessary to tell you, but we certainly enjoyed their company.

Leifur Oddson's sister, Thora, and her husband, John Low, from Norway House, Man., spent the long weekend in October visiting Leifur, Lucille and family on their way to Aklavik in the Northwest Territories to attend the wedding of their son. At the time of this writing they were expected (to coin a familiar expression) momentarily. P.S. I expect a write-up about this wedding for the next issue. O.K., Leifur?

Another person who has travelled a lot this year is my wonderful mother-in-law, Mrs. Gudrun Vigfusson, from Selkirk, Man. She came here for her grand-daughter's wedding on the 1st of September, then went down to Cheney, Wash., for several weeks then back here for another week. She loves to play bridge so before she left there was no alternative, she and Thorey insisted on a game with Ken and myself. The

end result was a victory for the men in a very close match.

Last month we mentioned there would be a going-away party for two couples. This occasion did take place at Cece and Jo Couves residence. Dr. Marino and Phyllis Kristjanson along with Ari Arnalds and Sigrun Helgadóttir were presented with gifts from the *Saga Singers*, also with appropriate souvenirs, namely miniature jugs, with the inscription, "for Edmonton water only". These two couples are certainly going to be missed by all who knew them and in particular by the choir.

We have just hung up the phone after conversing with Ninna Campbell, my opposition in a special race next year at Markerville. She had just arrived back from a week vacation in Manitoba. While there she visited with relatives from both sides of the family in Gimli, Selkirk, Winnipeg and Brandon. Ninna concluded the conversation by saying it was too cold for swimming and too late for fishing.

DISAPPOINTMENTS

The response for applications to take Icelandic lessons is very slow. At the moment there are only three inquiries plus two maybes. Now folks, if you are at all interested, please contact Lucille Oddson at 466-6838. We cannot make arrangements for these lessons unless more interest is shown.

Also, how many people want to go on a Charter Flight to Iceland in 1974? There must be a lot of people who are interested in going but our hands are tied unless we hear from you. Please give Bill Peterson a call after 6 p.m. at 466-5759 or during the day at 469-2341 and he will give you all the details. Bill represents the Icelandic Society on the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Centre in the capacity of Flight Director. You could also phone Barney Thorlakson evenings at 487-1506 or days at 452-8550.

GOOD NEWS

My good friend, Bill Halldorson, came home from hospital on Sept. 27 after having, what they call, a pacemaker inserted in his chest. The function of this instrument is to regulate the heart beat. We visited with him two days after his arrival home and enjoyed a most pleasant evening. Bill, we sure hope you continue to enjoy the benefit the pacemaker provides.

APPEALS

At the moment the *Saga Singers* are hopeful of going to Iceland in 1974. We could use a couple of

Icelandic Books

Several books are available about Iceland from Saga Publishing Co., Laugavegur 18A, Reykjavik, Iceland, P.O. Box 1238, Phone No. 18950.

VOLCANO—Ordeal By Fire In Iceland's Westmann Islands is a fantastic book about the volcanic eruption which aroused world-wide attention the past year. The *Scandinavian Centre News* had a write-up about it in the August 1973 issue. Price post-free \$9.95, airmail \$2.00 extra.

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tenors. You don't have to be Icelandic to sing with us. There are 4 members in the choir right now who can't talk, read or understand Icelandic and yet they are making wonderful contributions to the choir. If you are at all interested, contact Della Roland at 433-3393 or Lucille Oddson at 466-6838.

Incidentally, at the last choir practice somebody mentioned something about Earl and Pearl Valgardson, who no longer live in Edmonton but now live in Yellowknife. And I believe it was Leifur Oddson who said, "Les, why don't you mention them in your column?" Then someone else in the choir said, "Tell them we miss them." And believe me, Earl and Pearl and family, everyone was sincere in extending this message. Maybe you two could send me some news some time.

BIRTHDAYS

My apologies to Doris Vigfusson of Cheney, Wash., for being late. Congratulations Doris, on your 29th birthday which was on Oct. 5. We hope you have a lot more 29th birthdays!

Also to Cardy Halldorson whose birthday was on Oct. 13 and was celebrated at Leif Erickson night in the Scandinavian Centre.

Ivan Jonsson and his twin brother, Mark Jonsson, celebrated their ninth birthdays on Oct. 10. I guess you two guys feel like little men now that you have reached the ripe old age of nine.

Have you ever had something in the back of your mind but you can't think what it is? Well right now it seems to me something is missing. Oh, well there is always next month. For our final touch we say, "Smile and the world smiles with you." See you next month. □

of which is devoted to a specific theme. A particularly attractive book at a reasonable price of \$7.95 post-free, airmail \$2.00 extra.

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Millie Weiss

The regular meeting was held on Wed., Oct. 10 at the Scandinavian Centre, Vice Pres. Len Eliasson presiding. District Master G. Eliasson attended the meeting. The charter was draped in memory of Sister Svea Erickson.

Don Melin, Delores Melin, Wayne Brodin, Elizabeth Brodin, Phyllis Wold, Noreen Markstrom, Jim Knudson and Marnie Knudson were initiated into the lodge.

Following the meeting the draw for the Swedish tablecloths took place. Following are the lucky winners:

- 1st—Leona Hughes
10315 - 52 St.
Edmonton
- 2nd—Harry Correll
1312 East 8 Ave.
Vancouver, B.C.
- 3rd—Phoebe Hume
87 Peviril Ave.
Vancouver, B.C.

Thanks to Hansine Pierre, Matt Eliasson and Mieda Anderson for the nice lunch.

SICK LIST
Don Johnson at home; John Gerrard in St. Joseph's Hospital; Florence Erickson, a badly sprained ankle.

NEW COMERS
Mr. and Mrs. G. Bergquist are the proud parents of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Winquist have had visitors from Sweden in the month of September. Two nieces of Mrs. Winquist, Runa Eckstrom from Gotaborg and Elsy Marklund from Malotrask, northern part of Sweden. While here they visited all their cousins in Edmonton and their uncles and aunt in Thorsby and Westrose. Then they motored through Banff

and Jasper to Kamloops, B.C., to visit two uncles there. They enjoyed their visit here very much. We both wish to thank our friends for their kindness to them while they were here.

Don and Eveyln Johnson have had word that John is safe and well. He is working in a kibbatz in Israel.

Magnus and Betty Pearson have had their grandchildren, Curt and Carol Hughes from Vancouver, visiting them.

Earl and Florence Erickson have had visitors this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ronstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ronstrom from Lake Lillian, Minn.; Norah Pitts from Pennsylvania; Mrs. Edna Evans and May Charlton from Surrey, B.C.; and Helga Uggla from Burnaby, B.C.

A Farewell Pot Luck supper was held for the Ericksons on their return home. Earl and Florence have moved into their home at 7941 - 81 Ave. Phone No. is 466-3554.

Margaret Lundgren from White Rock, B.C., is visiting friends and relatives in Edmonton.

COMING EVENTS
Swedish lessons will be held on Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital.

A wine and cheese tasting party will be held at St. Joseph's Hospital on Nov. 8, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Phone 433-6150 for tickets.

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet at the home of Eric and Hansine Pierre, 12831 - 122 St. in the evening of Sat., Nov. 17 at 8 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wed., Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. in the Dania Room.

Nobel Peace Prize

The names of the recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize for 1973 were announced in Oslo on Nov. 16. They were United States State Secretary Henry Kissinger and North Vietnamese politbureau member LeDuc Tho. It was awarded jointly for their work in bringing an end to the Vietnam War. According to the Norwegian Nobel Institute, a total of 47 candidates were nominated for the Peace Prize this year, and the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Storting decided on the two candidates.

The presentation ceremonies will take place in the presence of H. M. King Olav V of Norway in the Aula (Ceremonial Hall) of the old complex of the University of Oslo in the centre of the city on Dec. 10, the anniversary of Dr. Alfred Nobel's death in 1896. The following day the Prize Winners will give a public lecture in the Aula on his concept of peace and what he has done to promote it.

DR. NOBEL'S LAST WILL

In his will of 1895 Swedish inventor and industrialist Alfred Nobel established a legacy of 30 million kroner, the income in interests to be used for honoring "those who in the past year have

rendered the greatest services to mankind". Dr. Nobel stipulated that the Prizes in the sciences and the Literature Prize should be awarded by institutes in his home country of Sweden while the Peace Prize award was left to the Norwegian Storting (Parliament). Norway at that time was in a union with Sweden.

The reasons why Dr. Nobel gave Norway the honor of awarding the Peace Prize were never fully explained. It is known that he was an admirer of the great Norwegian poet and author, Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson (1832-1910), who was a prominent fighter for international peace and a member of the first Nobel Committee appointed by the Storting to award the Peace Prize.

THE PEACE PRIZE MACHINERY

The right to propose candidates for the Peace Prize has been granted to the following:

Past and present members of the Nobel Committee of the Storting,

Members of national legislative assemblies and governments, and also members of the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

Members of the International Court of Justice at The Hague,

Executive members of the Per-

By John Cumberbatch

The following members of the Scandinavian Centre represented their respective groups at a Provincial Government sponsored Cultural Heritage Convention.

- Arvi Liimatainen—Finnish
- Margaret Cameron—Icelandic
- Per Nielson—Danish
- Astrid Hope—Norwegian
- John Cumberbatch—Swedish

The convention was held at the Chateau Lacombe on the weekend of Oct. 19-22. Over 50 different ethnic groups were present coming from all parts of the province—in short, a miniature United Nations

Assembly.

The purpose of the convention was to establish a Cultural Heritage Council to serve as an advisory board to the Provincial Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation.

The council will recommend ways by which the cultural heritage of our province can be preserved.

At business sessions on Saturday and Sunday numerous committees were formed. Particularly Arvi Liimatainen now serves on the "constitution

manent International Peace Bureau, Members of Institut de Droit International, Present university professors of law, political science, history and philosophy, Holders of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Nominations have to be in the hands of the Nobel Committee by Feb. 1 in the year the award is made.

Although appointed by the Storting the five-member Nobel Committee is completely independent of the assembly: neither is the Storting in any way responsible for the Committee's decisions. The Storting also appoints members of the Committee outside its own ranks. On the present Nobel Committee two of the five members are members of the Storting, including the chairman, Ms. Aase Wind Linaes.

In the words of Dr. Nobel's will, the Peace Prize shall be awarded to the person or organization "who has done the most or done the best to promote brotherhood between peoples, to abolish or reduce standing armies and to initiate and promote peace congresses".

The administrative arm of the Nobel Committee is the Nobel Institute in Oslo, whose director is also the secretary of the Committee. It is the Institute's responsibility to provide the Nobel Committee with the background material it needs to make award decisions.

PEACE PRIZE WINNERS

The Nobel Peace Prize may be awarded not only to individuals but also to organizations and institutions. Among the winners in the last ten years have been the International Committee of the Red Cross and League of Red Cross Societies (1963), the United Nations Children's Fund (1965) and the International Labor Organization (1966).

The Americans who most recently won the Peace Prize were Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1964) and agronomist Norman E. Borlaug (1970). In 1971 the Prize was awarded to Chancellor Willy Brandt of the Federal Republic of Germany. No award was made in 1972.

The Nobel Committee may decide that the Peace Prize shall be shared by two individuals or organizations, each receiving half of the Prize money which is the case this year. The Prize amounts to about \$70,000.

Anyone who hides behind a woman's skirt these days isn't much of a man.

Money can't buy happiness, but then happiness cannot buy the groceries.

Alberta Cultural Heritage Council

committee", which is required to define (by February) the constitution of the Council and its terms of reference.

Scandinavians serving on the other committees are:

- CULTURE—Per Nielson
- John Cumberbatch
- GRANTS—Margaret Cameron
- LANGUAGE—Astrid Hope

Although mainly a working convention, there was time for relaxation at a reception held at the Old Government House on Saturday evening. This was attended by Premier Peter Lougheed and wife. Ethnic costumes were in abundance, including Minister Horst Schmid in Ledenhasen! Numerous ethnic groups provided snacks for the reception.

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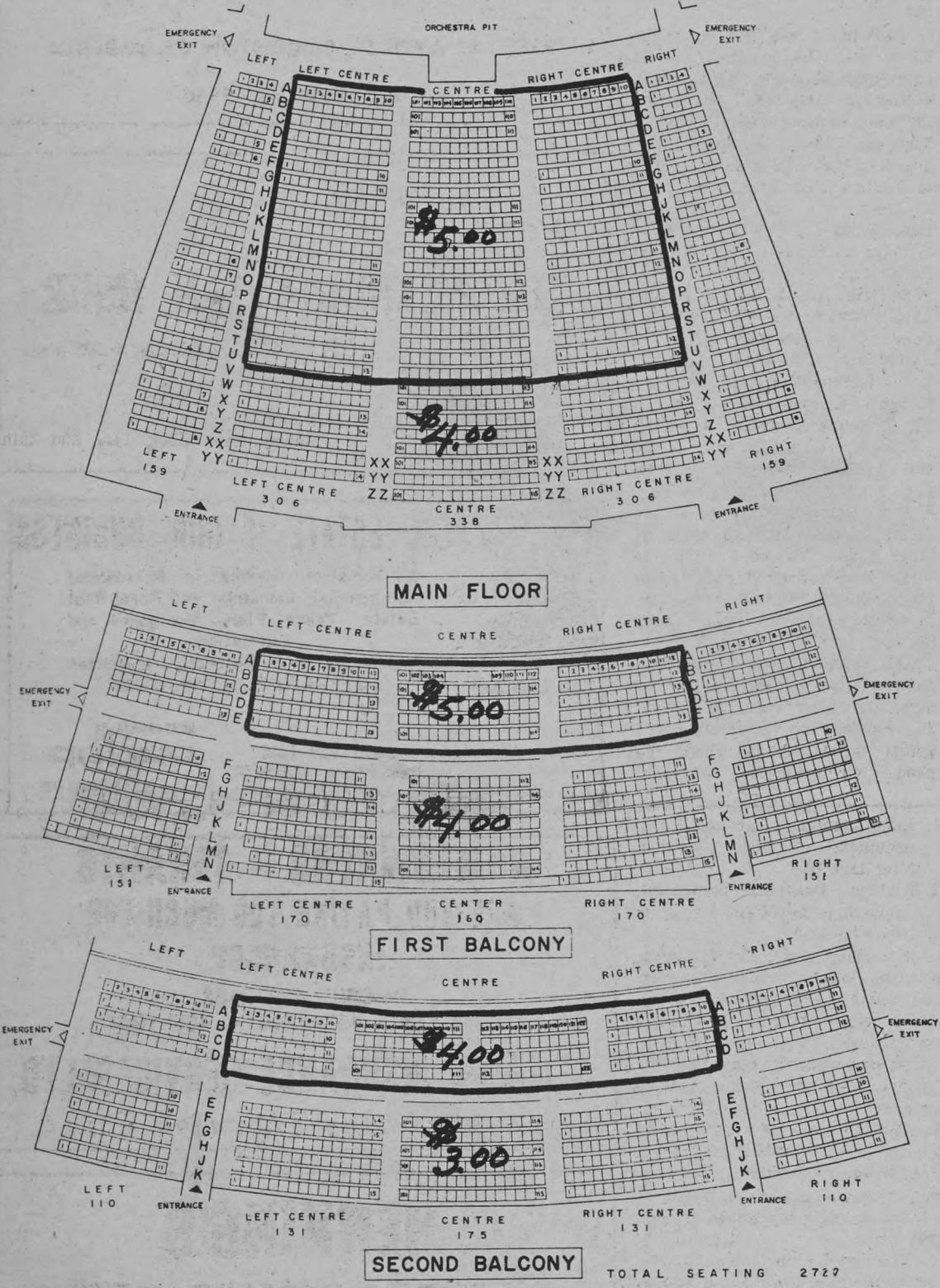
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THE STORY
Locale: Norway in mid-nineteenth century.
Act I:
Peer Gynt, a young Norwegian farmer, noted for being lazy and for his bragging, idled away his hours in brawling and dreaming. His mother, Ase, scolded him for wasting his time, and he always answered her by saying she was perfectly right. She ridiculed him further, by pointing out that had he been an honest farmer, Hegstad's daughter would have had him, and he would have been a happy bridegroom. He told her that he intended to break the marriage of Hegstad's daughter, a wedding planned for that night. When his mother protested, he seized her in his arms and set her on the roof of their house, from where her unheeded cries followed him up the road to Hegstad's house.
At the wedding, he was scorned by everyone except Solveig, a girl unknown to him. But, even she avoided him as soon as she heard of his base reputation. Peer

Background to the "Land of the Trolls"

By Astrid Hope
Cultural Director SON

In the old days, when only narrow twisting paths wound their way through the moss-grown mountains of Norway, few humans ever set foot there. Mythology has it the mountains were inhabited by the trolls.

There were many kinds of trolls, mountain-trolls, water-trolls, trolls with one head, three heads or twelve heads. They were very grotesque and ogresome in appearance. The biggest and strongest of all trolls were those who lived in the mountains. They had the strength of fifty men and had great magic powers and could throw spells over the people. They hated the smell of human beings, tinkle of church-bells and, most of all, they hated the sun. A mere glimpse would burst them apart and turn them to stone. That is why they roamed the mountains by night and cast long shadows where they trod, and slept in dark caves and nooks in the daytime. The trolls were very, very rich as they owned all the silver and gold of the mountains.

There was one special troll, whom **Henrik Ibsen** (one of Norway's greatest writers of drama, 1828-1906) writes about in his drama, "Peer Gynt". Peer Gynt is an example of Ibsen's symbolic treatment of the theme of individualism (the lack of which is also becoming evident in our day). This drama is all fantasy, with a picturesque, jaunty, boastful, yet lovable hero. Here, **Henrik Ibsen** weaves folklore and satire combined with symbolism that imparts a dramatic effect rich in emotional impact. The play deals with the degeneration of the human soul, yet the redeeming power of love kept it from being too tragic.

his mother, who had been released from the roof, arrived. Suddenly, the bridegroom cried out and pointed to the hillside. Rushing to the door the guests saw Peer scrambling up the mountain with the bride over his shoulders.

Act II: LAND OF THE TROLLS

Peer quickly abandoned the bride and penetrated more deeply into the wilderness. Escaping the pursuit of Hegstad and his neighbors. He married, and then deserted the daughter of the King of the Trolls (Dovre-Gubben). He later encountered the Great King at the Royal Hall (Dovreheimen), who represented the riddle of existence in the figure of a shapeless, grim, unconquerable monster. Time and time again Peer tried to force his way up the mountains but Dovre-Gubben always blocked his way. Peer was being challenged to bargain with the King of the Trolls. He would have to accept to have a tail and give up his breeches. He, however, was not expected to give up his Christian faith. A silk bow at the end of his tail, especially an orange colored one, passed for the highest of honors. He would have nothing to do with the cow-cakes and bullock mead (a brewed drink). Dovre-Gubben threatened to scratch out his left eye and later cut out his right "window pane". He agreed, as it said in his sermon book, "If thine eyes offend thee, then pluck it out." When Peer realized his sight might never heal, he protested. He wanted out.

Exhausted, Peer sank to the ground. The sky was dark with carnivorous birds that were about to swoop down upon him. Suddenly, he heard the sound of church bells and women's voices in the distance. Dovre-Gubben withdrew admitting



Handicrafts project done by the children at the Summer Language Camp.

became drunk and began to tell fantastic tales of adventure, stories that bridged an embarrassing gap in the marriage ceremony, when the bride locked herself in the storeroom and refused to come out. In desperation, the bridegroom appealed to Peer for help. As Peer left for the storeroom,

defeat because Peer had the support of women in his fight.
Act III:
An outlaw for having carried off Hegstad's daughter, Peer built himself a hut in the forest, to which Solveig came to keep him company. Their happiness was brief as he

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Alberta Cultural Heritage Council

By Per Nielsen

As a representative of the Danish Society of Edmonton I attended a meeting of the Cultural Heritage Council at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel in Edmonton on the weekend of Oct. 19, 20 and 21. The meeting was sponsored by the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation of the Government of Alberta. Government representatives at this meeting were the Honourable Horst A. Schmid, Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation, and Mr. W. H. Kaasa, Assistant Deputy Minister, Cultural Development, and approximately 45 ethnic groups from Alberta attended the meeting.

A brief outline of the meeting follows:

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. Fri., Oct. 19 with a reception and dinner, followed by entertainment from groups representing Scotland, Spain, the Ukraine, etc.

Saturday's meeting commenced with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. followed by a welcoming address to council members by Mr. W. H. Kaasa. The chairman (Mr. Kaasa) then called for a Nomination Committee to elect executives for the Cultural Heritage Council. It was noted that the newly elected executives and directors will hold office only until a new constitution has been agreed upon, at which time a new Board of Executives and Directors for the Cultural Heritage Council will be voted on.

The newly elected chairman, Mr. Laurence G. Decore, called for establishment of a Constitutional Committee, which committee will be responsible for making proposals to Council relating to rules, regulations, and/or the framework under which the Council is to operate.

A vote was then taken on the Rules and Regulations (of this Council) which will be the governing guidelines under which the Council will operate.

The chairman then called for the formation of committees in the following categories: Language, Cultural Activities, Education, Media, Human Rights, Immigrant Grants, and Youth. Due to the large number of people present, it was requested that each delegate place his or her name on a list for the committee or committees on which he would like to serve. This was to be followed up on Sunday by a meeting of each committee to set up a framework for that committee, elect a chairman and vice-chairman, etc., and then report back to Council.

Mrs. Mary Dawe, from the Heritage Magazine, reported to Council that Heritage Magazine will celebrate its first birthday in December. The magazine presently has a circulation of 3000, and it is published every two months. Mrs. Dawe invites YOU to supply her with material for the magazine—articles and photographs—but material must be in her hands two to three months before you would like it published. She asked that you be understanding, if your article does not appear when you expect it, however, as they try to limit the number of articles on any particular subject, or she may wish to save your material for a more appropriate time. If you would like to receive this magazine or would like to submit an article for publication, please write to the following address: Mrs. Mary Dawe, c/o Heritage Magazine, 11th Floor, C.N. Tower, Edmonton, Alta.

The Saturday session concluded with a reception of Council members at the Old Government House. Guest of Honour was the Premier of Alberta, The Honourable Peter Lougheed.

Sunday's meeting again commenced with breakfast at 9:00 a.m., followed by a plenary session at 10:00, at which the following items were discussed:

Auditions for Scandapades '74 Underway

By Sigurd Sorenson

A delightful afternoon was spent Sunday afternoon, Oct. 14 at the Scandinavian Centre. The Norwegian Ladies of Sons of Norway in their beautiful costuming served coffee and delicious Norwegian baking, while many of our talented people auditioned for Scandapades '74.

Jack McCreath, director of the show, was in attendance. He expressed delight that the show was getting an early start, but warned that our talented people must work hard, and attend all rehearsals in order to measure up to the theme of the show "Stars of Scandinavia".

Ideas for the show, and suggestions for talent should be directed to the following Cultural Directors:

Per (Pete) Nielsen—Ph. 436-4109
Arvi Limmatainen—435-7447
Freda Smith—489-0902
Astrid Hope—469-4747
Verna Larson—488-4607
Margaret Cameron—455-2064
Sig & Selma Sorenson—466-1839

Auditions for Scandapades '74 will continue every Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. until Nov. 25. We encourage and invite all talent to come for auditions at these Sunday Coffee Parties. It would be appreciated if you would phone one of the Cultural Directors in advance of your intent to be present.

All talent that is desirous of participating in Scandapades '74 must attend the rehearsal on Nov. 25. On that day the director will select the talent and shape the show. From then on, rehearsal

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DANIA DOINGS



By Lili Nielsen

Dania's third WHISTDRIVE of the season will be held on Nov. 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the Dania Room at the Scandinavian Centre. Hope to see you all.

"BIKUBEN" will meet as usual on the third Monday in the month, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at 12424 - 141 St., Edmonton.

A Danish Christmas Bazaar will be held Fri., Nov. 30 in the Ansgar Lutheran Church, 9554 - 108A Ave. at 8 p.m. Lotteries, Christmas gifts, homemade medister, rullepolse, leverpostej and homebaking will be offered. After the sale, coffee will be served. Everybody is welcome. Sponsored by the Danish Young Women's Club.

Dania's annual Christmas Party for the children will be held on Sun., Dec. 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre. If you have children under the age of 12 please fill in the form below and forward it to the Secretary before November 30 (this is a must) together with your cheque in the amount of \$5.00 to cover you membership fee for 1973-74.

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1. Establishment of an additional provincial holiday called "Heritage Day".
2. Alberta Dance—a provincial dance for Alberta and a song in the same line.

Following lunch the delegates formed into committees for approximately 30 minutes during which time framework of the committees was established. These committees reported back to Council, and the various suggestions were discussed.

The next meeting will be held in February, with time and place to be announced by the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

You may be interested in knowing a bit more about the Heritage Council, and I will try to give you a bit of background in this regard. A Heritage Conference was held in June 1972, out of which came the implementation of the Provincial Government's position paper #7. Council members were to be elected from their ethnic groups. Based on Statistics Canada 1961 report, each ethnic group with up to 5% of the population in Alberta would have one representative on the Board of Council (i.e.—an ethnic group with 17% of the population would have three council members).

In general, I feel the meeting was a success. I would personally like to see the Danes take more interest in preserving our heritage than we do—our contribution to preserving our heritage in Edmonton seems to be "Sild and Snaps"! But what about our children? Let's stand together and support our Club, and show other ethnic groups that we do have a beautiful heritage; we are proud of it, and we want to keep it alive for many generations to come. □

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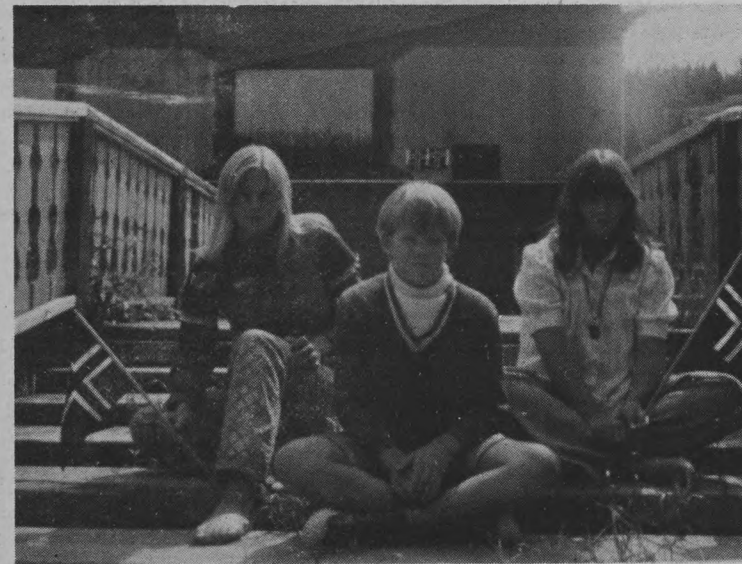
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By Astrid Hope
Plans are now being formulated for the Norwegian Language Camp, 1974. Alberta Camp, "Dovre Fjell", is now being included in the fund-raising program by Sons of Norway, Fourth District. So far, it is on a volunteer contribution plan. Included is a draw for a free trip to Norway.

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"Land of the Trolls"

was haunted by the return of Dovre-Gubben's daughter, whom he had deserted. With her was an ugly troll, Peer's son. Unable to drive them off, he went away after telling Solveig that she must wait for him.

Before leaving the country, he paid a farewell visit to his dying mother. She died in his arms while lulling her. Over her dead body he uttered thanks for all his days, all his lullabies, all his beatings.

He went adventuring over the world. In America he sold slaves; in China sacred idols. He did a thriving business in rum and bibles. After being robbed of his earthly goods, he went to the African desert and became a prophet. Solveig had grown middle-aged while she waited for Peer's return. Peer Gynt, on the other hand, still struggled on with his planless life without any apparent purpose in life.

On his way back to Norway, at last, his ship was wrecked. Peer saved his own life by clinging on to a spar but doubted whether he had been successful in saving himself from his aimless existence.

On his return to Norway he decided that he was through with wandering and he was willing to settle down to the staid life of a retired old man. Again, he was to be haunted by the appearance of a Button-Moulder, who was sent to melt Peer Gynt in his ladle, who refused to let Peer realize his dream of peace and contentment. While they were arguing and Peer trying to prove himself, they came to the house where Solveig stood in the doorway ready for church. She was shocked when Peer asked her to cry out his crime to her; she said it was he who made life beautiful for her. Hearing her words, the Button-Moulder disappeared, prophesying that they would meet again.

Peer Gynt buried his face in Solveig's lap, safe and secure with her arms to hold him and her heart to warm him.

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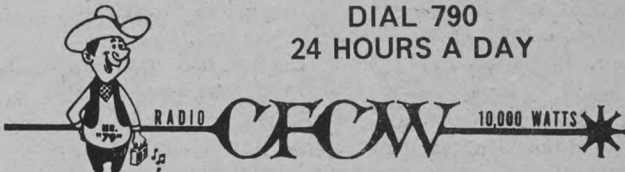
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Kitchen Corner

HANDY HINTS

- 2 tbsp. of lemon juice added to 1 cup of milk will sour it immediately. Or 1 tbsp. of vinegar plus 1 cup sweet milk equals 1 cup of sour milk.
- Wrap a cracked egg in tin foil if you want to boil it and there will be no loss of egg in the water.
- Chill candles in the refrigerator for 24 hours before using them. They'll burn evenly and won't drip.
- Popcorn packing. For packing fragile items, or filling empty spaces in a parcel, use popped popcorn. Pop it yourself or purchase a bag of the cheap variety. It will hold objects firmly and is very light for mailing.

It is that time of the year when our thoughts start to turn to Christmas Cakes.

CHRISTMAS CAKE SUGGESTIONS

Don't dry out fruit cake by over baking.

Remember most fruit cakes are worth their weight in gold so follow directions carefully.

Don't skimp on ingredients—if you want to save, just make smaller recipes.

Cool fruit cake in pan, and be sure it is cold before wrapping.

Store fruit cake in foil or in airtight containers. Keep in cool place.

Fruit cakes improve on storing; flavors blend and become more delicious.

Fruit cake for the holidays should be made ahead of time. They'll be at their best and you'll avoid the Christmas rush.

WHITE FRUIT CAKE

This cake is very good and fairly inexpensive.

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. lemon extract
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 4 eggs
- 3 cups flour sifted with 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 lb. almonds
- 1/2 lb. red cherries
- 1/2 lb. green cherries
- 1/4 lb. mixed peel
- 1/2 lb. candied pineapple
- 1/2 lb. sultanas

Cut up the fruit and nuts and flour them with part of the flour. Cream butter and sugar. Add extracts. Add the well-beaten egg yolks. Add the remaining part of the flour to the mixture alternately with the milk. Beat the egg whites and add. Mix well.

Bake in pans lined with oiled heavy brown paper for 2 to 2 1/2 hours in 275° oven.

SCANDINAVIAN RECIPES FOR NOVEMBER

NORWEGIAN POTATO PANCAKES (LEFSE)

By Astrid Hope

Wash and cook (could be prepared) 6 medium-size (about 2 lbs.) potatoes. Cook about 20 minutes, or until tender when pierced with a fork. Drain. To dry potatoes,

shake pan over low heat.

Mash or rice potatoes thoroughly. Whip in until potatoes are fluffy.

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup milk
- and a mixture of
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. sugar or corn syrup

Whip potatoes until light and fluffy. Cool potatoes; chill in refrigerator.

Set a griddle or heavy skillet over low heat.

Measure

2 1/2 - 3 cups flour.

Remove chilled potatoes from refrigerator. Add about one-half of the flour and beat until smooth. Beat in enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Roll dough into a ball or balls, and turn onto a lightly floured surface. Roll into a round about 6" across by 1/8" thick.

Test griddle by dropping on it a few drops of cold water; if drops dance around in small beads, griddle temperature is right.

Do not grease the griddle. Keep the dough as chilled as possible throughout.

Place lefse on griddle and cook until lightly browned. Turn with a long special stick and lightly brown on other side. Place between clean cloths or wax paper to keep them from becoming dry. Cool lefse completely. Serve cold with butter, sugar and cinnamon. Fold to centre from each side and fold over again. Cut each lefse in small portions, straight or in a diagonal fashion.

P.S. This is a must with lutefisk supper or for all important Norwegian entertaining.

DELUXE NORWEGIAN FISH PUDDING WITH SHRIMP SAUCE (Fiskepudding or Fiskeforse)

This classic fish delicacy can be served hot with a shrimp sauce, or if cold, can be sliced and served as a sandwich. Or as a leftover can be warmed in butter for a delectable luncheon dish.

In Scandinavian countries it is usually served once a week to family or guests. At a party, aquavit is recommended as an accompaniment for aquavit is to Scandinavian dishes what wine is to French dishes. Aquavit should be ice cold but never with ice. You can chill it for several days in the refrigerator or take a tall can and freeze an inch of water in the bottom of it. Place the aquavit bottle in the centre, fill with cold water, and freeze. To serve, dip can quickly in hot water and remove. Use a napkin to hold bottle and pour into small glasses.

RECIPE FOR PUDDING:

- 2 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 2 tbsp. bread crumbs
- 2 1/2 lbs. fresh codfish, skinned and boned
- 5 tbsp. flour
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 cup light cream
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream

SAUCE:

- 1 lb. medium sized shrimp, shelled and deveined
- 1/2 cup minced onion (1 medium)
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 2 cups light cream
- 6 tbsp. chopped fresh dill
- 1 tsp. salt
- Dash of pepper

METHOD

1. It's always best to have pans and ovens ready, so, first butter the inside of a 6-cup mold, sprinkle it evenly with bread crumbs, and heat the oven to 400° F.

2. The fish, cut into small pieces, is put through the food grinder, using a coarse blade. Grind it all a second time. Using

Dr. Kenneth Dormier Torske Klubben Speaker

The regular meeting of Torske Klubben met on Tues., Oct. 2. The guest speaker for the supper meeting was Dr. Kenneth W. Dormier from the University of Alberta.

Dr. Ken Dormier was born and raised on a farm near Norquay, Sask. (He says he is 5/8 Norwegian, 2/8 Swedish and 1/8 German). After completing high school at Sturgis, Sask., Ken attended the University of Saskatchewan receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1955 and a Master of Science degree in 1957. In 1955-56 and 1957-58 he was employed by Federated Co-operatives Ltd. in Regina as a Fuels and Lubricants engineer. Ken joined the Agricultural Engineering Department of the University of Manitoba in 1958. In 1967 he received a PhD from Michigan State University. Dr. Dormier was appointed Professor and Chairman of the Department of Agricultural Engineering in 1969.

In the winter of 1972, Dr. Dormier spent seven weeks visiting, teaching, and researching at institutions in the Philippines, India and Ghana. This was an exchange program sponsored by the Commonwealth Foundation and administered by the Agricultural Institute of Canada. Based on a series of slides taken during the visit, Dr. Dormier gave an interesting talk on "The Role of Engineering in Feeding the Hungry

World".

an electric mixer is the easiest way to get the smooth puree-like mixture needed, though you could do it by hand grinder, food mill or by hand.

3. Beat flour, salt and pepper into fish. Mix the creams. This keeps the heavy cream from forming butter during the long beating. Beat them in slowly.

4. Spoon the mixture into the mold. Bang it on the counter several times to settle it, and get rid of any air pockets. Smooth the top with a wet spatula and cover the mold with foil. To eliminate the danger of carrying a pan of boiling water to the oven, set the mold in a deep pan on the oven rack—a stainless steel bowl is good. Pour the boiling water to come 2/3 of the way up to the mold. Bake 1 - 1 1/4 hours or until a knife inserted in centre comes out clean.

5. Shortly before the baking time is up, prepare the shrimp sauce. The shrimp and onion are added to the heated butter or margarine in a skillet, tossed a few times, covered and cooked 3 minutes. The shrimp could be sprinkled with flour first, blend it into the fat, and stir in the cream, dill, salt and pepper. Let it come just to boiling, then simmer a few minutes. Taste and correct seasoning.

6. Remove the finished pudding from the oven. Take off the foil and pour as much liquid from the mold as you can. Place the serving plate on top of mold. Hold mold and plate firmly with a towel—remember it's hot—and invert them.

7. Lift the mold slowly and carefully from the pudding. The liquid that appears on the plate can be wiped up with paper towels. Arrange the shrimp around the pudding and pour the sauce over them. Serve hot. Makes 6-8 servings.

P.S. A cream sauce can be substituted. □

World".

Given the present rate of population increase Dr. Dormier posed the problem "Where will tomorrow's food come from?" He then gave examples of an engineer's role in the production of grains and animals. To put the world picture in perspective, Dr. Dormier showed slides of rice planting and harvesting in the Philippines and then devoted considerable time to the mechanization of agricultural production in India. In spite of increased tractor production, Dr. Dormier stated that "ninety-five per cent of India's land is still tilled with bullock-drawn implements. In the Punjab, which is the most mechanized state, there are 25,000 tractors. If each tractor owner farms 40 acres this only amounts to ten per cent of the land area. A farmer who owns only five or even ten acres is not in a position to buy a thirty-five horsepower tractor. Consolidation, co-operatives and government-run rental agencies are helping to increase mechanization.

"The 'green revolution' was very evident in the Punjab and the areas west and east of New Delhi. However, in the south-eastern states of West Bengal and Orissa there were large areas of land lying idle until the arrival of the monsoon season. These farmers either do not have water for irrigation or have not yet been convinced that other crops will grow in the limited moisture available in the winter or dry season.

"In the mechanization of wheat there seems to be a big gap between the standing crop and the small portable thresher which the small farmer can afford. A considerable amount of effort has been done on adaptations to McCormick's reaper, just falling short of the binder.

"Combines, both self-propelled and pull-type, are being used. Agro Industries (which are government operated) purchase large East German combines (50 inch cylinder width) for custom combining. Russian combines were on display at farmers' fairs and a Cockshutt combine was field tested in 1972 by the Punjab Agricultural University. A small pull-type indigenous combine that is manufactured in India should be in great demand, as it will be in the price range that many farmers can afford.

"Although mechanization for wheat production is progressing favourably there seems to be no real progress in the mechanization of rice. The Indian farmer would rather walk behind his bullocks than walk behind a garden tractor. Rice combines are not very common but small threshers (like the wheat thresher) are used."

Dr. Dormier closed his talk with slides indicating the degree of mechanization in the present day production of agricultural products in North America. Two statements were left with the Torske Klubben as food for thought. These were (1) "The agricultural products that are usually in short supply are those which we have yet to mechanize" and (2) "The race between production (of food) and reproduction (of people) may never be won by production alone." □

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TO CANADA

Because this is the month in which Nov. 11 Veterans Day occurs it seemed appropriate to print this speech by Dr. P. H. T. Thorlakson of Winnipeg, Man. It was actually given Aug. 6, 1945, on the occasion of a Dominion-Provincial Conference that year. There are a few sentences left out referring to this conference but the theme seems just as befitting today as it did then, some 28 years ago.

TO CANADA
By P. H. T. Thorlakson, M.D., LL.D.

"O Canada, our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The true north strong and free
And stand on guard, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee."

With these words did we profess and pledge our sincere and deepest loyalty? The Canadian National Anthem, which we sang with such enthusiasm, therefore served as a fitting introduction to this day's program. The greatest service that we, as individuals and as a group, can render to the country of our origin is to be true and loyal citizens of Canada. We must win the respect and deserve the confidence of our fellow Canadians. This is the first cardinal principle of good citizenship. There is, for us, no conflict of loyalties, for let us all remember that we are not only in this land, we are of this land—it is ours! It belongs to us as Canadians and we must share in full measure all its heavy responsibilities. I feel that I am not indulging in fulsome flattery nor overstatement when I say, in all humility, that no one has worked harder, nor been more willing to accept the burdens, nor been happier in living here, nor appreciated more fully the many opportunities that Canada offers, then have we, the sons and daughters of Iceland.

Sir James Barrie, a great Scottish writer, has said that three things never come back to a man: the spoken word, a second chance and the lost opportunity. Perhaps we have not always availed ourselves fully of all the opportunities we had. Nevertheless, in positions of national importance, in civil, municipal and federal affairs, our people have made a modest contribution. To the church in Canada, to the state, to the professions and to commerce, men of our race have given their best and by so doing Canada has profited by their assistance. Canada expects and deserves our best efforts. No less should be asked of any man worthy of citizenship in his country.

For us, who are gathered here today on this historic townsite, this is a day of commemoration and rejoicing. We pay tribute to the land of our forefathers, that small Island in the stormy north Atlantic, peopled in the process of migration by the very kith and kin of all the people that live in the lands which border the North Sea. On this Island, in the year 930 A.D., was founded the Icelandic Althing, acknowledged by Lord Stanley to be the Grandmother of Parliaments when he spoke on behalf of the people of Great Britain in 1930 at the historic celebration. We also honour the memory of the men and women from that Island, who came to this land and braved a wilderness three-quarters of a century ago to make their contribution to the

building of a nation. Amongst them were men and women of great courage and strength of character. We marvel at their fortitude and their resourcefulness. They withstood bitter disappointments and the ravages of epidemic diseases, but held fast to their purpose. We admire their abiding love and reverence for their Motherland with its rich heritage of culture and literature. By traditions, by training and by temperament, they were well fitted to accept the serious responsibilities to full citizenship in this new Land of Promise—Canada.

While we are proud of our Icelandic ancestry and cultural heritage, our first loyalty is to Canada and to the British Crown. Witness the fact that the sons and daughters of these pioneers have served this country with steadfast loyalty in times of peace and in times of war. Within our living memory, this country has gone forth twice to wage war against the forces of oppression in order that the institution of free government by a free people would not perish from the earth. And as our forefathers never faltered to share dangers and hardships for an ideal, so now the young men and women of our race have gone forth voluntarily in large numbers to serve this country in two wars.

The Icelandic people on this continent have, in many ways and on many occasions, acknowledged the debt that we owe to the country of our origin. We have extolled the courage, the vision and steadfastness of the pioneers both in poetry and in prose. But we have yet to acknowledge adequately the services and sacrifices of our young men and women who, in common with Canadian youth in general, have so valiantly played their part to safeguard for us the British democratic system of government that we enjoy here in Canada. They have fought and died for a cause that preserves the rights and privileges of the individual citizen before the law and perpetuates for posterity freedom of thought, religion, speech and individual initiative and enterprise. A free voice to speak, freedom of worship, all the four freedoms of the Atlantic Charter are ours here to admire, to enjoy and to maintain; and if Kipling is right when he says:

"If blood be the price of sacrifice,
Lord God we have paid it fair,"
then have not our young men and women of all national groups earned full citizenship in Canada as their rightful heritage? In our pride but with humble reverence and with hearts that are heavy, let us now and always remember and pay tribute to those of our race who have paid the supreme sacrifice and are so numbered amongst the elect of men.

The time has now arrived for us to consider seriously not only the loss and sacrifices of our own Canadian people but of at least fifty million other people who are numbered amongst the casualties of this war.

Never in the whole history of the human race have events shaped themselves into such momentous confusion as at the present time. These are indeed perilous days! Europe has just been freed from bondage, but tremendous strides have yet to be made, gigantic things accomplished. A ruthless and barbaric foe is not yet vanquished. To many in Europe and in other lands, the future does not look too bright. There is danger that we may not yet have

profited sufficiently by the experiences which produced past wars. Destructive science with its inconceivable power for evil has become so potent and so universal that another global war might mean the annihilation of cities and nations and the retardation of human progress for centuries. The mass production of one weapon alone—the rocket bomb—means that terror and indescribable destruction could be unleashed to suit the whim and caprice of any maniac possessing power and authority. Therefore, unless the control of science and of power is greater than the urge and ability to wage war, then another world wide conflict with its horribly tragic consequences may be upon us. This sobering fact must be understood and recognized if we are to participate in meeting the great challenge of our day.

Out of the mist of doubt and despair that beclouds our horizon there emerges, however, a ray of sunshine. Several lights appear and the brightest of these, filled with the greatest promise and hope for the future, comes from the recent conference of forty-six nations held at San Francisco. There we have seen a magnificent example of co-operative effort. By joining together in united effort for world stability and peace, they have become a great force for good in this world. The success of this conference reminds us of the well-known but oft forgotten truism, that "Peace hath its victories, no less renowned than War".

In world peace efforts, Canada and her statesmen hold a key position. As a result of her magnificent contribution to the winning of both world wars; her membership in the British Commonwealth of Nations; her proximity to the United States of America, in fact, being one of the United Countries of the Americas; and by the fact that she is the fourth largest industrial nation in the world we, as Canadians, have an opportunity to share largely in the creation of a just and enduring peace.

Never have the citizens of this country faced the future with more determination to be worthy of our heritage and to meet the new responsibilities, which are larger by far and more complex than Canada has ever known before, than in this year of 1945. Seventy-eight years have elapsed since the Confederation of the then widely separated Provinces of Canada. We have gone a long way on the road to nationhood since the first meeting in Prince Edward Island was called to sign the Confederation pact in 1967. Down through the years there have been many trials and tribulations. In the first world war 60,000 Canadian dead were left in Flanders Fields. In this war another 40,000 Canadian dead and missing have been added. In a nation of twelve million people this, you must admit, represents a staggering loss, intensified by the fact that it represents the heroes of our Canadian homeland: the young, the brave and the fair. But in the fire of sacrifice the people of this country have forged a fixed determination that such tragedy and wanton destruction shall never happen again. And even as Canadians have been united in their war effort and in their co-operation with other nations in this time of overwhelming emergency, so must we preserve unity in our efforts for peace and world order. This is the need of the hour: unity within the nation. And added to this is the hope and promise that comes from the

recent World Security Conference: inter-national collaboration and co-operation.

True, we are citizens of Canada first. But now, more than ever before, we must broaden our outlook to include international affairs and the welfare and prosperity and contentment of other peoples. The citizens of other lands are no longer foreigners. They are our neighbors. Distance no longer affords protection from assault nor immunity from the misfortunes of other people nor from the spread of epidemic disease. We may have reached the limits in the use of explosives in offensive warfare but the possibilities of bacterial warfare have, fortunately, not been exploited nor applied. Our strongest defence is a good neighbour policy which must be extended to

include the people of both hemispheres. However, the implementation of a good neighbour policy must, with us, start at home here in Canada.

For Canada this must be the dawn of a new day. May we, as Canadians, continue to deserve and enjoy the hard won victories of democracy. May Canadians have the courage and ability to weld a strong, progressive and united nation in order that we may continue to sing with pride and joy in our hearts—"O Canada, our home and native land".

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EXPLORERS II

OLAF SVEEN: I am talking again with Dr. Bourassa. Are we going to continue talking about Scandinavian explorers?

DR. BOURASSA: Yes. I'd mainly like to talk about Nansen today, but I think we should also mention a few others.

OLAF SVEEN: Who?

DR. BOURASSA: Well we should name Nordenskjold. He was a Finn who became a Swede after some difficulties at Helsinki University. He made voyages to Spitsbergen and Greenland but is most famous for his discovery in the 1870's of the Northeast Passage, up along the top of Russia. The U.S.S.R. now uses this route for commercial and military purposes. Also we might mention Knud Rasmussen. In 1910 he founded a station called Thule, which later became so important in the second world war. He explored in many regions of the North. He lived among the Eskimos and collected a great deal of valuable information about them.

OLAF SVEEN: Why do people become interested in exploration?

DR. BOURASSA: Probably the King's Mirror, a 13th century Norwegian book, gives as good an answer as any. It says, "Those who explore the earth and the sea obey three tendencies: the love of battle and renown; the thirst for knowledge and the desire for gain."

OLAF SVEEN: Do you want to discuss Nansen now?

DR. BOURASSA: Yes. I find his story to be one of the most fascinating I have encountered. He was not only a notable explorer whose activities inspired other Norwegians like Amundsen, but was also a scientist and public figure of some importance. As one writer has said, "In 1905 Sweden had an army of 70,000 men; Norway one of 3,500—but she also had Nansen. Thanks to him, Norway was to seize her independence . . ." This may be a slight overstatement but I should mention it was not written by a Norwegian.

OLAF SVEEN: How did all this come about?

DR. BOURASSA: Nansen had always wanted to explore the North, and as Amundsen had done later, prepared himself even as a child to withstand cold and starvation. He studied Zoology at University, and in 1886 reported some interesting and important findings on the way nerve fibers are organized in the spinal cord. It was while he was at University that he served on whaling ships in order to study the polar regions at first hand.

Later, after reading of Nordenskjold's attempt to cross Greenland, Nansen decided to try himself. The Norwegian government refused any monetary help and newspapers treated the trip as a joke. Nansen obtained funds from a Danish lawyer. His trip was with a small group of men. They travelled on skis and hauled their own sleds. There were numerous adventures but thanks to good planning and Nansen's ability to utilize whatever was available to help him, the trip was successful. There were some interesting things about Nansen's methods. He was skillful at hunting and was thus able to live, at least partially, off the land. Also he left himself no escape route. There was no way he could turn back. This was contrary to the methods of other arctic explorers but Nansen's abilities and planning enabled him to succeed where

others had failed. On his return he was greeted as a national hero.

OLAF SVEEN: This must have made it easier for him to continue exploring.

DR. BOURASSA: Yes, he was able to obtain funds for his next venture, even though most experts thought it was doomed. This was an attempt to reach the North Pole in a rather unusual fashion.

OLAF SVEEN: What was that?

DR. BOURASSA: Nansen had reason to believe that there was a current flow across the Arctic regions. If a ship could be frozen in the ice at the right spot he felt it might, in a few years, be floated across the Arctic regions and perhaps pass close to the North Pole. Then an expedition could be made from the ship and perhaps the pole could be reached.

OLAF SVEEN: Was this the expedition that used the Fram?

DR. BOURASSA: Yes. The Fram was a boat which Nansen designed. He had to have a ship which would not be crushed by the ice. The Fram was specially designed to withstand pressure. Thus, it would not be crushed but rather end up on top of the ice. The ship was special in other ways also, for it was to be a home for many years. Nansen's planning was obviously effective because the men lived in the ship through Arctic winters without difficulty. In fact, the ship was later used by other Norwegian explorers. I believe it is on display now in the museum near Oslo.

OLAF SVEEN: Did Nansen succeed in reaching the pole?

DR. BOURASSA: No. He got the ship into what he thought was the appropriate position and it was frozen in. He left Norway in 1893 and followed, more or less, Nordenskjold's route along the Northeast passage, and finally turned north to become frozen in the ice pack. They remained there, drifting slowly with ice throughout the following summer and into the next winter. In January 1895 Nansen and one companion, Frederick Johansen, decided to make an attempt to reach the pole by sled. They were unsuccessful and had to turn back. Their destination was Franz Josef Land. They were unable to make the trip before winter set in but using makeshift tools constructed a hut where they remained until summer approached. In June, by a strange coincidence they encountered another expedition, from England, which was exploring Franz Josef Land. Nansen and his companion returned home still doubtful about the fate of the Fram. A week after his return word was received from the Fram saying all was well.

I should, by the way, mention that all these expeditions made scientific observations on their trips and greatly increased our understanding of the polar regions. I don't have time to talk about the discoveries they made but I do want to emphasize that important scientific findings did result from these trips.

Also when I'm talking about these expeditions they may sound rather dull but that's my fault. There were numerous encounters with bears, times when the ice seemed about to crush the Fram, periods of near starvation and so on. Most of the explorers I've mentioned have written very exciting books about their travels. As a matter of fact, Nansen was also quite an artist and illustrated his books. Anyway, to get the excitement and adventure you

should really read the first hand accounts.

OLAF SVEEN: Did Nansen continue exploring?

DR. BOURASSA: No. He took up quite a different career which in some ways was perhaps more important than his explorations. Nansen had become one of the most famous men in Norway and now he used his fame to help in freeing Norway from Swedish rule. His diplomatic activities, speeches in Europe and America helped greatly in establishing Norway as an independent state. The Fram was given to Amundsen, and Nansen became preoccupied with humanitarian activities. After World War I the League of Nations asked him to help return war prisoners to their own lands. He was instrumental in dealing with the Russian government and in raising funds to return the prisoners in Russia to their own countries. And he was able to do this at incredibly low costs. He was also involved in helping other refugees return to their own countries or to get resettled elsewhere.

OLAF SVEEN: I seem to remember there was a special passport.

DR. BOURASSA: Yes. The Nansen Passport. This was something he developed to allow people without normal passports to travel through Europe and to secure certain civil rights for the displaced. It was eventually recognized by more than 50 countries. Nansen continued in these kinds of activities for a number of years. Sometimes he worked serving food, helping with the cooking and soon. During the great famine in Russia, he worked with the Hoover Relief Commission to supply food and medicine to the starving peasants.

OLAF SVEEN: Nansen is a man to remember.

DR. BOURASSA: He is indeed. In 1922 he received the Nobel Peace Prize and turned over the money that goes with this award to relief agencies. One book says this about him, "During his lifetime he was the exponent of everything that is distinguished, democratic, enterprising and dauntless . . . His noble mind, his splendid physique and his eloquence gave him such a position in the eyes of all men that no title has ever been attached to his name. He is Nansen to the world."

OLAF SVEEN: Thank you for this discussion. I understand this will be the last of our talks.

DR. BOURASSA: Yes. I've tried to cover some of the aspects of Scandinavian and especially Norwegian influences on our world. I hope I have not been too boring over the last few years. We have had a good time talking together and I know I enjoyed it. I hope we have interested some others in Scandinavian influences. I want to thank you and this newspaper for a very pleasant experience. □

SCANDINAVIAN TV PROGRAM

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